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INFORMATION and DATA

Relating to

FOREIGN TRADE

In

FRESH VEGETABLES

And

POTATOES

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Foreign Agricultural Service  
Fruit & Vegetable Division  
November 1954



VEGETABLES, FRESH: Exports from the United States,  
to specified countries,  
average 1935-39, annual 1950-53

Country of destination	Year beginning October 1				
	Average : 1935-39 : 1/	1950 : 1,000 : bu.	1951 : 1,000 : bu.	1952 : 1,000 : bu.	1953 2/ 1,000 : bu.
Peas, green 3/					
Canada.....	79	21	39	44	31
Cuba.....	1	1	0	1	0
Mexico.....	4/	4/	0	0	0
Venezuela.....	4/	6	4/	1	4/
Others.....	6	4/	1	0	1
Total.....	86	28	40	46	32
Beans, fresh 3/					
Canada.....	174	190	270	239	321
Cuba.....	3	2	1	4	1
Mexico.....	1	3	2	6	3
Venezuela.....	1	4/	2	2	0
Other.....	5	3	1	1	11
Total.....	184	198	276	252	336
Peppers 3/					
Canada.....	19	105	90	126	156
Cuba.....	4/	1	1	1	0
Mexico.....	1	3	5	5	1
Venezuela.....	4/	4/	4/	0	0
Other.....	2	1	1	1	3
Total.....	22	110	97	133	160
Tomatoes, fresh 3/					
Canada.....	344	871	1,092	1,137	1,270
Cuba.....	1	18	22	20	24
Mexico.....	15	56	91	60	30
Venezuela.....	4/	16	4/	4/	0
Other.....	8	10	11	10	18
Total.....	368	971	1,216	1,227	1,342

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VEGETABLES, FRESH: Exports from the United States,  
to specified countries,  
average 1935-39, annual 1950-53

Country of destination	Year beginning October 1				
	Average	1950	1951	1952	1953
	1935-39				2/
	1/				
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	sacks	sacks	sacks	sacks	sacks
<u>Onions</u>					
Canada.....	155	458	848	636	1,045
Cuba.....	423	808	830	804	876
Mexico.....	27	148	80	164	87
Venezuela.....	1	46	3	1	0
Other.....	270	357	279	231	417
Total.....	876	1,817	2,040	1,836	2,425
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
<u>Potatoes</u>					
Canada.....	379	949	3,718	2,368	2,012
Cuba.....	854	1,429	1,522	1,219	722
Mexico.....	57	388	472	527	406
Venezuela.....	83	1,073	356	347	241
Other.....	566	751	394	351	301
Total.....	1,939	4,590	6,462	4,812	3,742

1/ Calendar year.

2/ Eleven months, October through August.

3/ Not separately classified prior to 1936.

4/ Less than 500.

Converted to sacks or bushels of the following weights:  
peas, green, 30 lbs.; beans, 30 lbs.; peppers, 25 lbs.;  
tomatoes, 53 lbs.; onions, 50 lbs.; potatoes, 60 lbs.

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of the Census.

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VEGETABLES, FRESH: Exports from the United States,  
to specified countries,  
1950-53

Country of destination	Year beginning October 1						
	1950	:	1951	:	1952	:	1953 1/
	1,000	:	1,000	:	1,000	:	1,000
	crates	:	crates	:	crates	:	crates
<u>Celery</u>							
Canada.....	833		966		1,073		1,151
Cuba.....	1		2		2		2/
Mexico.....	1		1		1		0
Venezuela.....	1		1		2/		2/
Other.....	11		11		13		14
Total.....	847		981		1,089		1,165
	1,000	:	1,000	:	1,000	:	1,000
	bu.	:	bu.	:	bu.	:	bu.
<u>Spinach</u>							
Canada.....	235		308		291		264
Other.....	1		0		0		3
Total.....	236		308		291		267
	Short	:	Short	:	Short	:	Short
	tons	:	tons	:	tons	:	tons
<u>Cabbage</u>							
Canada.....	19,657		24,389		26,295		27,726
Cuba.....	466		360		313		219
Mexico.....	130		151		308		45
Venezuela.....	15		0		3		0
Other.....	441		290		227		437
Total.....	20,709		25,190		27,146		28,429
	1,000	:	1,000	:	1,000	:	1,000
	bu.	:	bu.	:	bu.	:	bu.
<u>Carrots</u>							
Canada.....	942		1,170		1,157		1,336
Cuba.....	25		23		38		38
Mexico.....	2/		4		1		1
Venezuela.....	1		2/		0		0
Other.....	15		12		13		17
Total.....	983		1,214		1,209		1,392

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VEGETABLES, FRESH: Exports from the United States,  
to specified countries,  
1950-53

Country of destination	:	Year	beginning	October	1	1953
	:	1950	:	1951	:	1/
	:	1,000	:	1,000	:	1,000
	:	lbs.	:	lbs.	:	lbs.
<u>Vegetables, frozen</u>	:					
Canada.....	:	317	2,003	6,020	10,490	
Cuba.....	:	78	78	88	69	
Mexico.....	:	2/	1	17	1	
Venezuela.....	:	434	403	341	281	
Other.....	:	848	904	1,060	869	
	:	1,677	3,389	7,546	11,710	
	:					
	:					
	:	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
	:	crates	crates	crates	crates	
<u>Lettuce</u>	:					
Canada.....	:	1,069	1,170	1,383	1,428	
Cuba.....	:	43	55	61	46	
Mexico.....	:	5	5	8	5	
Venezuela.....	:	4	3	1	2/	
Other.....	:	17	19	16	23	
	:	1,138	1,252	1,469	1,502	
	:					

1/ Eleven months, October-August.

2/ Less than 500.

Converted to crates or bushels of the following weights:  
celery, 60 lbs.; spinach, 20 lbs.; carrots, 50 lbs.;  
lettuce, 70 lbs.

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VEGETABLES, FRESH: Imports into the United States,  
from specified countries,  
annual 1950-53

Country of origin	Year				1
	1950	beginning	October	1953	
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	
	<u>bu.</u>	<u>bu.</u>	<u>bu.</u>	<u>bu.</u>	
<u>Beans, other than lima</u>					
Canada.....	2/	2/	2/	2/	
Mexico.....	27	33	46	60	
Other.....	1	3	9	0	
Total.....	28	36	55	60	
	<u>Short</u>	<u>Short</u>	<u>Short</u>	<u>Short</u>	
	<u>tons</u>	<u>tons</u>	<u>tons</u>	<u>tons</u>	
<u>Cabbage</u>					
Canada.....	888	1,409	1,031	2	
Cuba.....	175	118	0	0	
Mexico.....	15	66	0	0	
Other.....	6,279	7,741	810	116	
Total.....	7,357	9,334	1,841	118	
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	
	<u>bu.</u>	<u>bu.</u>	<u>bu.</u>	<u>bu.</u>	
<u>Carrots</u>					
Canada.....	57	138	96	43	
Other.....	0	2/	2/	2/	
Total.....	57	138	96	43	
<u>Cucumbers</u>					
Canada.....	3	4	9	14	
Cuba.....	341	343	425	520	
Mexico.....	10	8	7	10	
Other.....	0	1	3	2	
Total.....	354	356	444	546	
<u>Eggplant</u>					
Cuba.....	84	91	49	41	
Mexico.....	6	2	8	3	
Other.....	2/	2/	0	2/	
Total.....	90	93	57	44	

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VEGETABLES, FRESH: Imports into the United States,  
from specified countries,  
annual 1950-53

Country of origin	Year beginning				1 1/
	1950	:	1951	:	
	1,000 lbs.	:	1,000 lbs.	:	
<u><b>Garlic</b></u>					
Canada.....	43		17	169	0
Mexico.....	10,869		7,382	9,572	10,525
Chile.....	153		439	2,073	1,338
Argentina.....	141		1,223	0	247
France.....	39		15	86	11
Italy.....	4,422		4,879	4,289	4,728
Japan.....	14		79	1,316	755
Spain.....	0		1,167	2,554	1,379
Guatemala.....	0		30	0	0
Hungary.....	0		331	1,053	175
Germany, Western...	0		0	3	0
French Morocco.....	0		0	68	61
Egypt.....	0		0	429	1,686
Yugoslavia.....	0		0	51	183
India.....	0		0	15	0
Netherlands.....	0		0	0	309
Greece.....	0		0	0	95
Greenland.....	0		0	0	9
Cuba.....	0		0	0	53
Dominican-Republic.	0		0	0	9
Peru.....	0		0	0	2
Total.....	15,681		15,562	21,678	21,565
 :					
	1,000 bu.	:	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.
<u><b>Green peas</b></u>					
Canada.....	1		1	20	14
Cuba.....	2/		2/	2/	0
Mexico.....	221		187	220	182
Other.....	2/		1	2/	2/
Total.....	222		189	240	196
 :					
	1,000 crates	:	1,000 crates	1,000 crates	1,000 crates
<u><b>Lettuce</b></u>					
Canada.....	165		137	128	84
Mexico.....	2/		0	0	0
Other.....	2/		2/	0	0
Total.....	165		137	128	84

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VEGETABLES, FRESH: Imports into the United States,  
from specified countries,  
annual 1950-53

Country of origin	Year			
	beginning	October	1	1953 1/
	1950	1951	1952	1953 1/
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	sacks	sacks	sacks	sacks
<u>Onions</u>				
Canada.....	15	1	15	5
Mexico.....	123	268	331	205
Chile.....	197	284	286	0
Italy.....	69	59	95	89
Other.....	11	28	48	1
Total.....	415	640	775	300
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
<u>Peppers (green)</u>				
Canada.....	3	8	1	2/
Cuba.....	60	31	33	16
Mexico.....	673	781	738	554
Other.....	2/	2/	2/	2/
Total.....	736	820	772	570
<u>Potatoes, table</u>				
Canada.....	2,180	283	1,274	1,163
Cuba.....	0	24	1	0
Mexico.....	1	0	0	0
Other.....	0	619	0	0
Total.....	2,181	926	1,275	1,163
<u>Potatoes, seed</u>				
Canada.....	3,182	1,315	2,013	1,774
Cuba.....	0	9	0	0
Mexico.....	2/	0	0	2/
Total.....	3,182	1,324	2,013	1,774

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VEGETABLES, FRESH: Imports into the United States,  
from specific countries,  
annual 1950-53

Country of origin	Year	beginning	October	1
		1950	1951	1952
		1,000 lbs.	1,000 lbs.	1,000 lbs.
<u>Squash</u>				
Canada.....	4	1	12	194
Cuba.....	0	0	100	0
Mexico.....	245	198	342	0
Other.....	0	2/	2/	0
Total.....	249	199	454	194
Tomatoes	Year	beginning	October	1
		1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.
		bu.	bu.	bu.
Canada.....	35	60	60	43
Cuba.....	507	326	297	271
Mexico.....	2,675	3,248	3,624	2,658
Other.....	84	38	83	51
Total.....	3,301	3,672	4,064	3,023
Turnips & rutabagas	Year	beginning	October	1
		1,000 sacks	1,000 sacks	1,000 sacks
		sacks	sacks	sacks
Canada.....	2,710	2,779	2,010	1,972
Mexico.....	4	3	0	0
Total.....	2,714	2,782	2,010	1,972

1/ Eleven months, October through August.

2/ Less than 500.

Converted to sacks or bushels of the following weights: beans, 30 lbs.; carrots, 50 lbs.; cucumbers, 48 lbs.; eggplant, 33 lbs.; green peas, 30 lbs.; lettuce, 70 lbs.; onions, 50 lbs.; peppers, 25 lbs.; potatoes, 60 lbs.; tomatoes, 53 lbs.; turnips & rutabagas, 50 lbs.

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of the Census.

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VEGETABLES, FRESH: United States import duties

Commodity	Rate of duty	Limitation
Beans, fresh.....	3-1/2¢ per pound	
	3.1¢ " "	Cuba only
	:	:
Cabbage.....	3/4¢ " "	:
	:	:
Carrots.....	12.5% ad valorem	:
	:	:
Cucumbers.....	2.2¢ per pound	Dec. 1 to end of Feb.
	1¢ " "	" " .. Cuba only
	3¢ " "	March 1--June 30
	2.4¢ " "	" " .... Cuba only
	1.5¢ " "	July 1--Aug. 31
	3¢ " "	Sept. 1--Nov. 30
	2.4¢ " "	" " .... Cuba only
	:	:
Eggplant.....	1.5¢ " "	April 1--Nov. 30
	1.2¢ " "	" " .... Cuba only
	1.2¢ " "	Dec. 1--March 31
	.6¢ " "	" " .... Cuba only
	:	:
Garlic.....	3/4¢ " "	:
	:	:
Lettuce.....	1¢ " "	June 1--Oct. 31
	2¢ " "	Nov. 1--May 31
	:	:
Onions.....	1-3/4¢ " "	Except onion sets
	:	:
Peas, Green.....	1¢ " "	July 1--Sept. 30
	2¢ " "	Oct. 1--June 30
	:	:
Peppers, green....	2.5¢ " "	:
	2.2¢ " "	Cuba only
Potatoes:	:	:
Seed.....	37.5¢ per cwt.	2.5 million-bushel quota, year
	:	beginning Sept. 15.
	75¢ " "	For all over quota
Table stock.....	37.5¢ " "	1.0 million-bushel quota, year
	:	beginning Sept. 15, and
	:	increased by amount U.S. crop
	:	(Sept. 1 estimate) is below
	:	350 million bushels
	75¢ " "	For all over quota.
	:	:

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Commodity	Rate of duty	Limitation
Squash.....	1.1¢ per pound	
	.8¢ " "	Cuba only
	:	:
Tomatoes.....	2.1¢ " "	Mar. 1--July 14; Sept. 1--Nov. 14
	1.8¢ " "	" " " " " Cuba only
	1.5¢ " "	July 15--Aug. 31; Nov. 15 to end of Feb.
	1.2¢ " "	" " " " " Cuba only
	:	:
	:	:

Source: U. S. Import duties 1952, United States Tariff Commission.



INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION  
In  
SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

Year	United States	Canada	Mexico
1937	59	55	76
38	46	52	76
39	56	56	74
1945	104	95	93
46	87	88	96
47	96	96	100
1948	100	100	100
49	93	102	107
50	108	108	118
1951	115	115	127
52	119	119	130
53	129	127	133
1954	<u>2</u> /119	<u>1</u> /128	-

1/ End of June 1954.

2/ End of August 1954.

SOURCE: International Financial Statistics,  
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In

SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

Year	United States	Canada	Mexico 1/	Venezuela 2/
1948 = 100				
1937	54	56	36	60
38	49	53	38	58
39	48	51	38	58
1945	66	68	76	78
46	75	72	88	79
47	92	84	93	90
1948	100	100	100	100
49	95	103	110	95
50	99	109	120	95
1951	110	124	148	100
52	107	117	154	102
53	105	114	151	99
1954	3/ 106	4/ 112	4/ 168	3/ 103

1/ Mexico City.

2/ Caracas.

3/ End of August 1954.

4/ End of July 1954.

SOURCE: International Financial Statistics,  
Vol. VII, No. 10, October 1954.



EXCHANGE RATES IN SPECIFIED COUNTRIES  
In Terms Of  
UNITED STATES CURRENCY, 1937-54

Year	Canada	Mexico	Cuba	Venezuela
	Dollar	Peso	Peso	Bolivar
: - U.S. cents per unit of foreign currency -				
1937	2/ 99.9	28	99	31
38	2/ 99	20	98	31
39	90	18	88	31
1945	3/ 91	21	100	30
46	3/ 99.5	21	100	30
47	3/ 99.5	21	100	30
1948	3/ 99.5	15	100	30
49	3/ 91	12	100	30
50	2/ 94	12	100	30
1951	2/ 98	12	100	30
52	2/103	12	100	30
53	2/103	12	100	30
Sept.				
1954	2/103	8	100	30

1/ Official selling rates.

2/ Free rate in Canada.

3/ Official selling rate.

4/ End of December averages.

SOURCE: International Financial Statistics,  
Vol. VII, No. 11, November 1954.  
Converted from unit per U.S. dollar.



VEGETABLES, FRESH: Import duties in specified countries

Country and commodity	Rate of duty	Limitations
<u>Canada 1/</u>		
Peas, green....	2¢ per lb.; 12 weeks	PF free; MFN; other periods 10%; GATT
Beans, green....	1.5¢ " " ; 14 " 2/	" " " 10%; "
Peppers, green.	10% throughout year	PF free.
Tomatoes, fresh	1.5¢ per lb. 32 weeks	PF free; MFN; other periods 10%; GATT
Onions, (except sets)	1¢ " " 40 weeks	" " " 10%; "
Lettuce .....	1¢ " " 18 weeks 2/	" " " 10%; "
Celery .....	1¢ " " 24 weeks 2/	" " " 10%; "
Spinach .....	10% throughout year	PF free. GATT
Potatoes .....	37.5¢ per cwt. 6/15- 7/31	PF free; MFN; other periods free; GATT
<u>Cuba</u>		
Vegetables....	.7¢ per lb. 11/1- 5/31	None
" .....	.5¢ " " 6/1-10/31	"
Onions .....	1.8¢ " " 11/15-5/31	"
" .....	.7¢ " " 6/1-11/14	"
Potatoes .....	\$2.18 " cwt. 12/1- 6/30	"
" .....	\$1.36 " " July	"
" .....	\$ .45 " " 8/1-10/31	"
" .....	\$1.36 " " November	"
<u>Venezuela</u>		
Onions .....	16¢ per lb.	Subject to import license
Potatoes .....	\$2.40 " cwt.	" " " "
Lettuce and celery .....	16¢ per lb.	None
<u>Mexico 3/</u>		
Peas, fresh....	.036¢ per lb. plus 10%	Official valuation 1.1¢ per lb.
Onions .....	.07¢ " " " 10%	" " 3.4¢ " "
Vegetables 4/ ...	.036¢ " " " 10%	" " 2.9¢ " "
Tomatoes .....	.036¢ " " " 10%	" " .9¢ " "
Potatoes .....	.1¢ " " " 10%	" " 3.3¢ " "
Peppers, chili..	.7¢ per lb. plus 25%	" " 6.4¢ " "

1/ The period of time listed means a continuous period unless otherwise specified within the 12 months ending March 31. P.F. means "preferential countries free," and M.F.N. means "most favored nations."

2/ May be divided into two periods.

3/ In Mexico there is a specific duty on the gross weight, plus a 10% ad valorem on the official valuation, or the commercial invoice value, whichever is greater. For onions, a prior import permit from the Ministry of Economy is required. Fresh vegetables are subject to a 25% surtax on the specific duty, plus the ad valorem duty. Also, there is a 3% tax on the total duty (specific duty plus ad valorem) on freight and express shipments.

4/ Includes lettuce, celery, spinach and snap beans.

Compiled from official records of the Fruit & Vegetable Division, F.A.S.  
November 19, 1954.





